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TAGS: SCUL, CH (DR. CHI WANG)
SUBJECT: VISIT TO PRC OF DR. CHI WANG

1. DR. CHI WANG, ASST HEAD, CHINESE AND KOREAN SECTION, ORIENTALIA DIVISION, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, PLANS SECOND VISIT TO CHINA O/A DECEMBER 29 TO JANUARY 24 ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. DR. WANG HOPES ACQUIRE FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CURRENT PUBLICATIONS, AND RENEW CONTACTS WITH LIBRARIANS AND CHINESE OFFICIALS HE MET DURING 1972 TRIP TO PRC. HE PLANS TO VISIT LIBRARIES IN PEKING, SHANGHAI, WUHAN, CANTON, NANKING, SHENYANG, AND SIAN, AND IN ADDITION TO CONSULT WITH WANG YEH-CHIU, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL BUREAU OF CULTURAL RELICS. HE HAS MENTIONED HIS PROPOSED TRIP TO PRCLO OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CHINESE LIBRARY DELEGATION; PRCLO OFFICIALS INDICATED FAVORABLE ATTITUDE.

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2. DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS THIS VISIT AS, IN ADDITION TO

PROMOTING EXCHANGE OF LIBRARY MATERIALS, IT WILL ENABLE DR. WANG TO DISCUSS A VISIT TO PRC BY A GROUP OF AMERICAN LIBRARIANS TO RECIPROCATE RECENT PRC LIBRARIANS' DELEGATION TO US. DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE FURTHER OF SPECIFIC EXCHANGE PROPOSALS HE MAY BE CARRYING.

3. IF USLO HAS NO OBJECTION, REQUEST YOU DISCUSS DR. WANG'S VISIT WITH MFA, AND REPORT CHINESE RESPONSE. IF

MFA APPROVES VISIT, DR. WANG'S OFFICIAL PASSPORT (Y-105706 ISSUED MARCH 15, 1972) WILL BE PRESENTED FOR VISA AT PRCLO. RUSH

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